

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the widening of LA Highway 30 in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive such funding is the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, located at 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. The funding will be used for the project engineering and design work for the widening of LA Highway 30 from the East Baton Rouge Parish Line to I-10 in Ascension Parish.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because LA-30 is an economically vital traffic corridor that is too narrow to meet current passenger and freight demands. The corridor serves a dozen large industrial facilities and a landmark shopping and retail strip, as well as providing connectivity to I-10. Widening LA-30 from two to four lanes would enable its northwestern route to better serve existing employers and businesses, as well as prepare for other economic expansions that are currently underway. Additionally, the highway expansion will help prepare for the eventual construction of an additional Mississippi River Bridge. This will add value for the taxpayer by supporting the growing economic needs of the Louisiana capital region and increasing connectivity on I-10, which spans from California to Florida, and improving freight mobility at the country's most active ports. This is a "no regrets" improvement, and one whose value our community recognizes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. §133. Under subsection (b)(2), the surface transportation block grant program which provides flexible funding for operational improvements for traffic management. This project fits within this eligible use because it would widen LA-30, decreasing congestion and improving the management of traffic.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Garret Graves
Member of Congress

